ANOTHER PETITION OF THE PURITAN PRISONERS

Thomas Cartwnght and the other Puritan prisoners have again written to the Lord Treasurer asking for release from imprisonment on bail If, say they, they have transgressed some of the laws of the land, whereof their consciences set m the presence of God do not accuse them, yet seeing it plainly appears by their own answers on oath and by the depositions of witnesses that they have special care m their meetings to keep within obedience of the laws, their transgression, being of ignorance, may find the easier pardon

Since their coming to prison, divers papists, known enemies of the state, of the Chuich and commonwealth, have been delivered without renovation of any error , and it is universally granted to any, either papist or schismatic, that upon promise of coming into the Church, they enjoy the same freedom as other subjects Their hope therefoie is that they who not only come to church but labour to the utmost to entertain men in the fellowship of the Church and to reduce others estranged from it, should not be more hardly dealt with in being forced to any confessions or submissions against the testimony of their consciences More-over by reason of their long imprisonment and lack of convenient air some five or six of them are sore and dangerously sick

znd March SIR WALTER RALEGH'S EXPEDITION

A proclamation is published ordering all mariners, who are pressed to serve with Sir Walter Ralegh, Captain of her Majesty's Guard, to repair to their ships immediately, upon pain of death, so that the service be in no way delayed

yd March MUSTER ROLLS IN THE COUNTIES

The Lords-Lieutenant of the Counties of Somerset, Wiltshire, Monmouth, Pembroke, Anglesey, Cornwall,

Chester, Devon, Huntingdon, Sussex, Rutland, Leicester and York, are rebuked for their slackness in rendering a certificate of the forces of their several counties and again required to certify how many able men there are, how many trained and received into bands, how many untrained, under what captains and officers, and how furnished with horse and weapon The numbers of those taken out of the trained bands for foreign services, to be supplied by good and able men sorted with such arms and weapons as the

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